

GOVERNORS FAIL TO AGREE ABOUT DIVORCE LAWS

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Tasker L. Oddie, of Nevada, who defended his State from some of the aspersions brought to bear on the facility with which divorces may be secured there. He said that the doctrine that divorce is inherently an evil cannot be substantiated. Still further, he asserted that only a negligible percentage of cases can be found where the divorce decree had better not have been granted. Unless unhappy unions are dissolved, the door is open to increased infidelity. The result is a lowering of the sacredness of the marriage contract. Those living unhappily had better be free from this yoke, else there is great danger that one or the other will be untrue to the contract. He would not grant divorce for light causes, but, on the other hand, felt that in States where it is hard to secure decrees, the intent of the law is defeated by its very severity.

Plea for Modernity.
"It is not good," he said, "to force people to live together and chafe at the yoke." The trouble, he thought, is that many people look at the past with more reverence than the energy they direct toward solution of the problems of the present.

Some States, he continued, where women have no property rights, where the children may be given away to strangers, where men may mistreat their wives and where incorrigible drunkenness is not a ground for divorce, "point with holier-than-thou self-righteousness to the divorce laws of Nevada." The statutes there, he said, on the subject are fifty years old, showing that they are not of recent manufacture to encourage the divorce industry. The size of the Reno colony, he said, is exaggerated, running from 500 to 600 at a time, and is about 1,000 a year. A fair percentage of applications are dismissed. The Nevada divorces form a negligible number of the whole in the United States. Most of the people who go to Reno for deliverance from their matrimonial obligations, said Governor Oddie, come from four or five States in the East, where the laws on the subject are harsh and antiquated. He favored a uniform law, but not a backward step to the Dark Ages.

It is not a problem, in his opinion, in which a church with dogmatic opinions can offer suggestions against the inevitable operation of a natural social law. He believed in a physician's certificate as a prerequisite to license, and notice of the application by publication.

Not Marry Until Twenty-One.
Governor James H. Hawley, of Idaho, read the other stated paper. He thought twenty-one a good age for restriction for marriage. Two weeks' publicity before licenses are granted, and the consent of parents and guardians for those under age, were among his suggestions. In other words, the State could do as much for its young people as "for its calves and lambs."

He utterly opposed divorce, believing the marriage bond should be severed only by death. Limitation of the jurisdiction of the courts was suggested.

POSSIBLE REFUGE FOR SULTAN



Broussa, Asia Minor, where Sultan of Turkey contemplates seeking refuge from enemies had flight become necessary.

to make it more difficult to secure divorces.

Governor Bleas, preceding his outbreak, discussed the divorce question. His State is the only one in the country where no divorce is granted for any cause. It is, he explained, in the Constitution. "Maybe," he said, "it causes hardship in some cases, but it is the only correct biblical rule—What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

"If there is one thing," he proceeded, "that disgraces the country, it is the sale of American women to European titles. And the next is the wholesale and unwarranted granting of divorces. Better cause some to suffer than to lay down the bars and bring into disrepute the solemn bonds of matrimony."

How Laws Operate.
Deserion, explained Governor Bleas, is a criminal offense in South Carolina. If a resident goes elsewhere and gets a divorce, it is not recognized in his State. If he remarries and comes back to South Carolina, he and his second wife are prosecuted for immorality, and their children are illegitimate and cannot inherit property.

Governor Joseph M. Carey, of Wyoming, spoke of divorce as next to death. He advocated reforms to stop the divorce mill.

Governor Simeon E. Baldwin, of Connecticut, called attention to his interpretation of the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution as operating to forbid special divorce acts by State Legislatures. He had vetoed such a bill, he said, passed in Connecticut, granting a special divorce. At least \$5,000,000 people of the

country, said Governor Herbert S. Hadley, of Missouri, live under laws in which it is agreed that divorces should be granted in some cases. His purpose in speaking was to note the fact that without even special statute, under common law usages, courts may appoint an attorney in divorce cases to represent the State. Governor Francis E. McGovern, of Wisconsin, said that in his State of Wisconsin the district attorneys attend to this duty, and Governor Hawley said it was the same in Idaho.

Keep People on Farms.
On the topic, "What the State Can Do to Check the Drift of Population from Farms to Cities," the opening address was by Governor Adolph U. Eberhart, of Minnesota. He deplored the tendency to leave the farm. So in Minnesota it is planned to make more money for the farmer and to give social advantages to the children in country districts.

There are sixty-one agricultural schools and 150 applications pending. Better farming, sewing and cooking are taught. Agricultural experiment stations and agricultural high schools help out. It is too lonely on the farm for the children, he said. So he favored larger consolidated schools, to which the smallest child is taken on the coldest day in Minnesota, and where community life centers.

Governor Hadley, of Missouri, read the other paper. He stressed the need of increasing consumption and decreasing production, the increasing importation and decreasing exportation of foodstuffs. The problem presented, he said, is one of the cost of ordinary living.

So he would reclaim the unused land, and stop the drift which shows in ten years an increase of urban population of 11,250,000, while that of rural population is only 4,150,000. Missouri showed an actual loss in country districts. Scientific farming, seed selection, more live stock and the elimination of the middleman were given as solutions. The rural free delivery, the telephone, good roads, automobiles are making country life more interesting.

The real test of this nation, said Governor Hadley, is yet to come. It is hard to reason with a man who is hungry. If all the land now titled produced the best possible, and all the possible unused land was reclaimed, America would be the richest nation and her people the happiest in the world.

Virginia's Achievement.
Governor William Hodges Mann told what has been done in Virginia. This is his favorite subject, and he handled it, knowing what he was talking about. On taking office, he said, he found commercial and industrial conditions in Virginia were excellent, but that the agricultural interests needed help. There were only 4,900,000 acres of cultivated lands in the State out of 25,000,000, and 10,000,000 acres of arable land were idle. All of this was well located, near to schools and the conveniences of modern life.

As it takes money to improve conditions like this, the Government determined to start at the foundation and help the farmer to become prosperous. It was impracticable to wage war on prices, but there was something wrong when farmers in modern automobiles passed corn fields cultivated like those of 200 years ago. The first thing to be taught was that there was no such thing as worn-out land.

The first fight was against the prejudice of the farmer who thought he ought to know more about farming, after a lifetime of experience, than a teacher. So it was deemed best to get hold of the boys first and teach them. The result is that one Virginia boy has produced 167 bushels of corn on his acre. In Dinwiddie County, where corn had yielded an average of fifteen to twenty bushels an acre for many years, one boy produced 167.7 bushels. The average of the boys' corn clubs is 64.5 bushels. One hundred Southern boys in the National Corn Show had raised 15,300 bushels of corn on their 100 acres. From four to six tons of hay are now being produced on Virginia land, where formerly nothing was raised but broom sedge.

"Virginia," he said, "can raise corn besides Presidents." His remaining argument was for schools to be made the centers of community life. Governor George W. Donaghey, of Arkansas, discussed the topic, as did Governor Joseph M. Brown, of Georgia. He had raised 158 bushels himself to an acre, and one boy in his State had raised 233 bushels.

Suffrage Heard From.
Miss Mary Johnston and Mrs. B. B. Valentine were given a few minutes each at the conclusion of the day's session. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, it was explained, was prevented by illness from coming. A petition to Congress for equal suffrage had been signed by sixteen Governors. It would be no more possible to help the dawn of woman's enfranchisement than to prevent tomorrow's sun from rising, she said. She read from leading newspapers comments on the recent elections, recognizing the growth of the movement.

Continuing, Miss Johnston told of the world-wide unrest among women, and of how women are doing the work left enlightened citizenship with their hands tied. They do not believe, she

said, that the principles of democracy should be perverted so as to exclude them from participation.

Mrs. Valentine told how men have called women to their aid in the world's work.

Income Taxation.
At the morning session the topic of State income tax was considered. Governor Francis E. McGovern, of Wisconsin, who won re-election in November on this special issue, although Governor Woodrow Wilson carried the State for the presidency, spoke first. He gave some startling figures on the inequalities of taxation under the old system and described how taxes on personal property, particularly on intangible values, had been largely replaced by the tax on income. It is, he said, equitable, works well and has largely increased the revenues of Wisconsin.

Former Governor Augustus E. Wilson, of Kentucky, read the other paper. He criticized a Federal income tax, but had high praise for it if collected by the State, announcing it to be "the best, fairest and oldest of all taxes, if collected for home use in the localities where other contributors live and know something of each other's circumstances."

He declared that the ratification of the income tax amendment to the Federal Constitution would "hinder, if not exclude all State governments from raising any revenues by income tax."

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Mr. Willson said the wording of the amendment proposed made no exception of income derived from State bonds, and that its ratification would grant the Federal government the power to tax these bonds unless the Supreme Court should hold that the amendment does not mean all it says, which he declared to be a contingency upon which to risk life ratification.

"I see no difficulty," Mr. Willson said, "in starting another proper amendment in place of this, giving Congress power to lay an income tax, but not on incomes from whatever source derived."

Mr. Willson offered further criticism of the proposed amendment as not requiring apportionment or uniformity, and as such is "opposed to the present principle of the Constitution, which requires that in every instance a Federal tax shall be controlled either by the rule of apportionment or the rule of uniformity."

There was no general discussion of the income tax proposition.

Paper on Waterways.
Governor Eugene N. Foss, of Massachusetts, read the paper on the development of inland waterways, advocating governmental work. He was followed by Governor John K. Tener, of Pennsylvania. Then Governor Hadley said he thought the government, which retains its control of waterways which are navigable, could keep the water within bounds and prevent its overflow. This brought about a sharp discussion, which was participated in by Governors Shrothroft, of Colorado, Carey, of Wyoming; Donaghey, of Arkansas; Gilchrist, of Florida; Hawley, of Montana; Dix, of New York, and Eberhart, of Minnesota.

Miss Kate Bannard, of Oklahoma, spoke briefly in behalf of labor laws for women and children.

ACTION OF GREEKS
CLEVER WAR MOVE

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A common conference, where all the problems will be discussed and weighed.

France, he continued, occupied a special position in reference to Turkey. For France was the principal creditor of Turkey and possessed heavy financial and economic interests in the Ottoman empire. If the allies should annex part of Turkey, they must, said the French Premier, be held responsible for Turkey's public debt. The question of how this was to be arranged and apportioned was, he said, now being examined by the powers. In this regard, he said France would negotiate directly with the Balkan allies, whom France has informed in a friendly manner that they must respect French moral and material rights in Turkey.

France's position in the tense European situation was summed up by Premier Poincaré in a few words, as follows:

France's program is:
"1. Continuity in our foreign policy and consequently the practical and persevering operation of our alliances and friendships."
"2. Sincere and continued efforts to secure the peace of Europe."
Third, Above all, the firm and calm resolution to secure respect for our rights and maintain our national government free from all attacks."

Armistice Welcomed.
Cettigne, Montenegro, December 5.—

The proclamation of the armistice was made here to-day, and was welcomed, although some fears were expressed that the Balkan allies will not gain victories at the conference as marked as those on the battlefield.

Montenegrin delegates to the peace conference in London are former Premier Mijuskovitch, M. Popovich, former Montenegrin minister at Constantinople, and Colonel Voynevich, chief of the King's Cabinet.

Servians to Cease Fighting.
Belgrade, December 5.—The Servian government has ordered all the Servian commanders now on Turkish territory to cease fighting.

The Servian delegates to the peace conference are G. Novakovich, of the Treasury Department, A. Nikitch, speaker of the Servian Parliament, and General Revovitch. They will await their Bulgarian colleagues here and start for London at the end of the week.

May Seek Revenge.
Washington, December 5.—Possibility of danger to American life and property in Turkey was forecast in official dispatches received here to-day stating that foreign subjects in Smyrna, Asia Minor, feared an outbreak in that city if the Turkish soldiers returned after a disastrous peace. Grave fears apparently exist in the minds of foreigners in Asia Minor that the vanquished Turkish soldiers upon their

return may seek revenge for their defeat by falling upon foreigners whose sympathies have been with the allies.

AVENGES HIS WIFE
College Watchman Shoots Man Who Insulted Her.

Athens, Ga., December 5.—Leonard Lowe, of Huntsville, Ala., local representative of an insurance company, was shot and probably fatally wounded here to-day by Thad Bray, watchman of the State College of Agriculture.

Last night Bray's wife told him that she had been insulted on the street and gave a description of the man. To-day Bray proceeded to Lowe's office. Mrs. Bray was asked: "Is that the man who insulted you?" When she replied in the affirmative, Bray opened fire with a revolver. Lowe received two bullets in the abdomen and two slight wounds in the thigh and arm. Bray surrendered and was placed under arrest. Lowe is in a critical condition at a local hospital.

FIRE MENACES TOWN.
Aldie, near Leesburg, Suffers Loss from Blaze.

Leesburg, Va., December 5.—The village of Aldie, twelve miles south of Leesburg, was menaced by fire at an early hour this morning, when flames broke out in the general merchandise store of Mr. C. Carter. He and J. W. Wynkoop, all three buildings and their contents were destroyed with the only a partial insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown. The flames were discovered at 6 o'clock, and were not checked until after 9 o'clock.

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New Hallowee Dates, lb., 8c	New Cleaned Currants, 10c
Finest Chocolate Drops, lb., 12 1/2c	6 lbs. New Va. Buckwheat for 25c
New French Candy, lb., 8c	New Layer Figs, 1-lb. pkg., 11c
Finest Canned Oysters, can, 8c	Good Salt Pork, lb., 11c
Finest Evaporated Apples, 1-lb. pkg., 8c	Good Lard, lb., 11c
Imported Sour Krout, 7c quart; or, per gallon, 25c	Finest Quality Virginia Comb Honey, package, 15c
Large Fat Mackerel, 6 cans, 25c	Wood's Best N. C. Roe Herring, new; per dozen, 25c; per keg, \$2.90
Large 4-String Broom, 20c	Best Sugar-Cured Breakfast Bacon, per lb., 19c
Good Sugar Corn, 7c can; or, 4 cans, 25c	Good Quality Early June Peas, 2 cans, 25c
3 cans New Tomatoes for 25c	Large cans Best Quality Virginia Tomatoes now 10c; or, dozen, \$1.10
New Virginia Herring Roe, can, 11c	Highest Quality Best Creamery Butter made, 1-lb. carton, 37c
Fresh Country Eggs, dozen, 28c	Brookdale California Lemon Cling Peaches, 15c can; dozen, \$1.65
New Codfish, 7c, or 4 lbs., 25c	3 cans Pocahontas Best Corn, 25c
Large New Irish Potatoes, 25c	Macaroni and Spaghetti, 1-lb., 7c
Best American Granulated Sugar, 5 1/2c	Cerecota Flour, 38c bag; barrel \$5.90
Pure Ground Pepper, lb., 20c	Va. Pride Coffee, fresh roasted, per lb., 25c
Quaker Toasted Corn Flakes, regular 10c pkg., now 8c	Large cans Borden's Peerless Milk, 9c; small cans, 6 for 25c
Extra fine quality Sherry Wine, in sealed bottles, 35c	8 large bars Circus Soap for 25c
Jello Ice Cream Powder, 9c, or 3 pkgs., 25c	Libby's 1-lb. cans Corned Beef, 16c
Lump Sta-ch, 7 lbs. for 25c	Quart Mason Jar Queen Olives, 38c
Potted Ham or Tongue, 6 cans, 25c	Gold Medal Coffee, Java and Mocha mixture, 1-lb. cans, 38c
Post Toasties Corn Flakes, pkg., 8c	5-lb. cans, absolutely pure Lard, 13c
Gold Medal Flour, 38c bag; 60 lbs. \$5.85	5 and 10-lb. cans, at per lb., 15c
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